

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A locking mechanism[[,]] comprising:  
~~at least one~~ a plurality of spring loaded locking members;  
~~at least one~~ a lock release device operatively coupled to ~~said at least one~~ the plurality of  
spring loaded locking members; and  
~~at least one~~ a plurality of latching members being securely gripped by ~~said at least one~~  
spring loaded the plurality of locking members, ~~when said~~ wherein the ~~at least one~~ lock release  
device is in partial frictional contact with ~~said at least one spring loaded~~ the plurality of locking  
members under the spring bias of ~~said at least one spring loaded~~ each of the locking members,  
and  
~~said at least one~~ wherein each latching member being released from the grip of ~~said at~~  
~~least one spring loaded~~ the corresponding locking member when ~~said the~~ at least one lock release  
device is forced in frictional sliding contact with ~~said at least one spring loaded~~ the plurality of  
locking members against the spring bias of ~~said at least one spring loaded~~ each of the locking  
members.
2. (Currently Amended) The locking mechanism of claim 1, wherein ~~said at least~~  
~~one~~ the plurality of latching members and ~~said at least one spring loaded~~ the plurality of locking  
members are used to removably lock a battery cover to the main body of a mobile telephone set.
3. (Currently Amended) The locking mechanism of claim 2, wherein ~~said at least~~  
~~one spring loaded~~ each of the locking members include[[s]] at least one locking leg adapted to  
grip ~~said at least one~~ the corresponding latching member to secure the battery cover to the main  
telephone body.
4. (Currently Amended) The locking mechanism of claim 1, wherein ~~said~~ the ~~at~~  
~~least one~~ lock release device includes a first surface adapted to match the curvature of a  
corresponding second surface on ~~said at least one spring loaded~~ each locking member.

5. (Currently Amended) The locking mechanism of claim 4, wherein each of ~~said~~ the first and second surfaces has an inclined configuration.

6. (Currently Amended) The locking mechanism of claim 5, wherein ~~said the~~ the at ~~least one~~ lock release device is spring-loaded.

7. (Currently Amended) The locking mechanism of claim 6, wherein ~~said~~ the at least one ~~spring-loaded~~ locking member is adapted to move in a first direction against its spring bias.

8. (Currently Amended) The locking mechanism of claim 7, wherein ~~said the~~ the at ~~least one spring-loaded~~ lock release device is adapted to move in a second direction against its spring bias.

9. (Currently Amended) The locking mechanism of claim 8, wherein ~~said the~~ the second direction is substantially perpendicular to ~~said the~~ the first direction.

10. (Currently Amended) The locking mechanism of claim 9, wherein ~~said the~~ the first and second inclined surfaces are in frictional sliding contact when ~~said the~~ the at ~~least one~~ spring ~~loaded~~ lock release device is forced to move in ~~said the~~ the second direction.

11. (New) A locking mechanism for securing a battery compartment cover to a mobile terminal body, the mechanism comprising:

a first and a second spring loaded locking member;

a lock release device operatively coupled to the first and the second locking members;

and

a first and a second latching member being securely gripped by the first and second locking members, wherein the lock release device is in partial frictional contact with the first and the second locking members under the spring bias of each of the locking members, and

wherein each latching member being released from the grip of the corresponding locking member when the lock release device is forced in frictional sliding contact with the first and second locking members against the spring bias of each of the locking members.

12. (New) The locking mechanism of claim 11, wherein the lock release device includes a first surface adapted to match the curvature of a corresponding second surface on each locking member.

13. (New) The locking mechanism of claim 12, wherein each of the first and second surfaces has an inclined configuration.

14. (New) The locking mechanism of claim 11, wherein the lock release device is spring-loaded.

15. (New) The locking mechanism of claim 11, wherein the first locking member is adapted to move in a first direction against its spring bias and the second locking member is adapted to move in a second direction against its spring bias.

16. (New) The locking mechanism of claim 15, wherein the lock release device is adapted to move in a third direction against its spring bias.

17. (New) The locking mechanism of claim 16, wherein the third direction is substantially perpendicular to each of the first direction and the second direction.

18. (New) The locking mechanism of claim 16, wherein the first direction is substantially different than the second direction.

19. (New) The locking mechanism of claim 16, wherein the first and second inclined surfaces are in frictional sliding contact when the lock release device is forced to move in the second direction.

20. (New) The locking mechanism of claim 11, wherein each of the locking members include at least one locking leg adapted to grip the corresponding latching member to secure the battery cover to the terminal body.